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■ BY TOM BETTS

THE complaints procedure at Manston's Kent International Airport has again been slammed.

At a public meeting of Kent International Airport Consultative Committee (KIACC) and Thanet council's airport working party, the process was criticised by representatives of both bodies.

Complaints ranged from the website often not working, the complexity of making a complaint and the amount of time that airport owner Infratil took to reply.

KIACC chairman Paul Twyman said: "It doesn't work very well at the moment. The complaints procedure certainly needs to be reviewed. There needs to be targets for Infratil to meet so that complaint responses come back in a certain period of time."

Malcolm Kirkaldie, of Manston Airport Group, said complaints about flights had to be lodged with the airport operator within 15 days of any incident but that those rules "do not apply to their replies".

With regard to the website, the main hub for complaints, John Inchley from Acol Parish Council said: "I think they hope you will give up and go away. Infratil makes it difficult to complain and the system is unreliable. Overflying of villages triggers a lot of complaints that don't get responded to."

With the prospect of night flights looming once again, the procedure will become more important if people are to lodge any complaints with either Infratil or Thanet council.

Brian White, the council's head of development

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RHODES PRAISES FIN EFFORT

Finola Limbrick from Ramsgate poses for the camera with celebrity chef Gary Rhodes after her superb efforts in the National Junior Chef competition. College old boy and TV chef Gary helped judge last week's competition at Thanet College, in which Finola finished fifth. She says that the competition has left her with "memories that will last forever".

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From Brussels to Ramsgate, time to make votes count

■ BY TOM BETTS

TOMORROW (Thursday) is election day in the isle.

Thanet residents will go to the polls to select who they want to represent them at both county and European level – and two other elections will also get under way.

Now is the time to have your say on who you think should shape our political future, so don't forget to visit your nearest polling station to cast your vote.

Gerry O'Donnell is one candidate standing both for election at county level and for the new Ramsgate Town Council, but last week's Yourthanet article missed his county election statement.

He said: 'I'm standing because I believe it is important to have as many independent voices on Kent County Council as possible.

'It provides many of the services in our towns, particularly policing, education, roads and lighting.'

'I believe that with greater vision and commitment these services can be improved.'

'When Ramsgate Town Council achieves Quality Assured status we will need independent county councillors to lobby for and oversee the satisfactory transfer of additional resources to the town.'

In the town council vote, 36 candi-

dates are standing across seven wards. The town council has been a long time coming but will form when the winning candidates take their seats for the first time.

Laura Probert, who was missed in last week's round-up of candidates, is standing in the Sir Moses Montefiore ward as an Independent.

She said: 'I voted for a Ramsgate parish council because I care passionately about this town.'

'Unless decisions about Ramsgate are made in Ramsgate by concerned and caring residents of the town, I fear we can look forward to further destruction of our rich naval heritage, our tourist industry, our beautiful Georgian buildings and the loss of more shops in our high street.'

'I support the people working hard to ensure our heritage is not lost and to prevent Ramsgate from becoming a cultural backwater.'

'If elected, I shall work hard to ensure that my constituents' views are made known when important decisions are made in Ramsgate.'

A by-election has also been called to see who will go on to represent the Thanet Villages ward at district level to look after the interests of Monkton, St Nicholas-at-Wade, Minister, Acol, Manston and Sarre.

• For the full list of the candidates in all four elections, visit www.yourthanet.co.uk.



TOWN AND COUNTY:
Gerry O'Donnell



INDEPENDENT:
Laura Probert

Meanwhile, across the Channel, there's another parliament

ISLE residents will also be voting in the European parliamentary elections tomorrow, with 72 UK MEP seats available.

Closer to home, 133 candidates in the South East region will contest just ten seats. The European elections use proportional representation, in which the number of seats each party wins is calculated according to the share of the vote achieved.

The main parties' mini manifestos are printed below. The Liberal Democrats were approached but did not respond in time.

CONSERVATIVE PARTY

WE believe in an open, flexible Europe in which countries work to achieve shared goals rather than the ever greater centralisation of power.

We believe in democracies nothing lasting can be built without consent – yet people have been denied their say on the renamed EU constitution.

A Conservative government would amend the European Communities Act so any future EU treaty that transfers powers from the UK to the EU would be subject to a referendum.

LABOUR PARTY

LABOUR stands resolutely for the hard-working majority of the British people. We are putting in place the building blocks for recovery by investing in families, jobs and key sectors.

We have taken radical action to support the British economy during the worst global recession since the 1930s. Our slogan 'Winning the fight for Britain's future' includes themes which have been highlighted by the party during the local and European elections campaign.

UKIP

THE UK Independence Party is committed to withdrawing Britain from the European Union.

As the debate on the Lisbon Treaty has now made clear, the EU agenda is a complete political union, with all the main functions of national government taken over by the Brussels.

Ukip would replace Britain's membership of the EU with the kind of agreements on free trade and co-operation that we thought we had signed up to when we first joined what was then called the European Economic Commission.

GREEN PARTY

THE Green Party is fighting for a greener Europe. The party supports a Europe-wide expansion of energy conservation and renewable energy to resist climate change and create useful jobs.

Coal-fired and nuclear power stations must be phased out. An improved commitment to social justice is a key Green concern.

A Green new deal in Europe must include more democracy, including referenda on aspects of EU policies, and more powers for the European Parliament over the unelected commission.

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Capture beauty of isle - before it disappears

Competition to record scenery

■ BY TOM BETTS

THE isle's natural beauty is being highlighted in a competition run by the county's leading countryside protection group - which wants your finest efforts.

Protect Kent - the county arm of the Campaign to Protect Rural England - has launched the Hidden Thanet contest, which is open to anyone who believes they have taken a photograph which celebrates the character of Thanet's countryside, which the charity wants to see preserved.

Winning images will be selected by a panel of professional photographers and countryside specialists.

Competition entries will be showcased on a CPRE website and the work of 12 selected finalists will be exhibited in an isle venue.

Some of the best entries will also be featured regularly in Yourthanet.

A Protect Kent spokeswoman said: "Thanet's countryside is under great threat from massive industrial developments in the heart of its rural uplands.

"We are looking for images to celebrate, and possibly record for the last time, the landscape and character of Thanet's rural areas. It will help to highlight what ought to be conserved and what might be lost forever.

"We look forward to seeing the entries."

Entrants can submit images either by email or by post.

The contest will culminate in a prize-giving to which all entrants will be invited.

Three finalists will be selected from the final 12 as overall winners, with top prizes of £100, £60 and £40.

The spokeswoman said: "Thanet has always enjoyed a balance of urban coastal development and inland countryside. For centuries this countryside has been prime agricultural land.

"Those living in the towns have never been far away from the open spaces of the countryside and a local food supply.

Balance

"The current and proposed developments will dramatically tip Thanet's environmental balance from rural to industrial, with intrusive buildings, light pollution, noise and ceaseless road traffic, interspersed with scattered patches of green. There will be even more pressure for housing developments."

You can send your entries to CPRE Protect Kent, 3 Evgate Park Barn, Station Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SX.

Entry is free and open to everyone except employees of Protect Kent and members of its Thanet branch.

Visit www.cprekent.org.uk for full competition details, or phone 01303 815180.



COAST WITH THE MOST: Stone Bay near Broadstairs

Complaints procedure under fire

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services and who sits on the working party, said the website needed improving, with the council able to monitor complaints.

"There has been and still is an element of duplication. We need a shared site so that anyone in east Kent who complains about aircraft movements associated with KIA is captured in the same manner by the council and the airport."

However, KIA chief executive Matt Clarke said: "The current procedure was developed after detailed consultation with KIACC.

"It provides a range of methods by which people can contact the airport - email, web-form, letter and telephone recorded message.

"KIACC exists to facilitate the design of this system and they do a good job."

"We will maintain the current system but will continue enhancing it over time in close consultation with the committee."

A councillor from Canterbury City Council who sits on KIACC also said he received complaints about the complaints procedure, as did Nick Cole from Monkton Parish Council.

'We cannot forgive killer of our Tommy'

THE family of a student stabbed to death for defending his friend say they can never forgive his killer.

Ian Deadman, 46, from Margate, was jailed for life on Friday last week for the murder of 25-year-old Tommy Balsom, who was attacked in the hallway outside Deadman's flat on September 8 last year.

Father-of-two Mr Balsom had been fighting with Deadman's friend when he was stabbed.

In a statement issued following the sentencing at Maidstone Crown Court, his family told how their lives had been shattered.

It read: "We cannot and will never forgive the person responsible for the senseless and violent way Tommy died and for taking away a part of our family."

"But we take comfort in knowing that Tommy was standing up for what he believed was right, as we had taught him."

"We will be serving a life sentence as we have to live without Tommy every day. We cannot express our feelings to all of our family and friends who have supported us, cried with us and kept us going."

Mr Balsom had been visiting his friend Jordan Best on the day of the

murder, and was inside his flat when Deadman came to the door "in an angry state".

The court heard how the two neighbours did not always get on and it was not long before a scuffle ensued between Mr Best, Mr Balsom and Deadman's friend James Carter.

It was then that Deadman knifed Mr Balsom in the neck and chest before dialling 999.

Tension

Chief Insp Terry Chuter said: "What Tommy Balsom walked into that day was bubbling tension between neighbours - fuelled by alcohol and drugs - that spilled over into violence."

"By their own admission, Tommy's family have said he had his troubles, but he did not deserve this."

"Ian Deadman has always denied killing Tommy, but he has now been convicted for a display of violence that in his world he may feel is acceptable behaviour but in our world is not."

Upon sentencing Deadman, who will not be eligible for parole for at least 15 years, Judge Andrew Patience said the incident was "yet another senseless killing, brought about by a knife and someone in drink".

Call for return of grants for school uniform

THE manager of Thanet Citizens Advice Bureau has asked all county council election candidates to support the reintroduction of school uniform grants.

Ian Driver says the grants are important for parents who are struggling to make ends meet.

The Education Act 1996 allows the authority to give grants to parents finding it hard to pay for school uniforms. However, the grants were cut in 1997.

Mr Driver said: "The recession is causing financial hardship for more and more people, especially families with school-age children."

"I'm calling on prospective KCC councillors to agree to review the policy on school uniform grants."

Difficult

Research by Citizens Advice shows that while most parents support the idea of school uniform, three-quarters of parents of secondary school children and two-thirds of parents of primary school children found it difficult to pay for it.

At the same time an increasing number of education authorities have abolished school uniform grants, with less than half offering any sort of financial support to parents.

"The cost of uniform is also high because many schools insist on having logos embroidered on shirts, jackets and coats," said Mr Driver.

"If schools were prepared to allow students to wear uniform without logos, then costs would be much lower."

"We will be carrying out a survey of Thanet schools to find out about uniform policy in the next few months and try to persuade school governing bodies to adopt affordable uniform policies."

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Services for OAPs on forum agenda

THE Thanet Senior Citizens Forum meets this month to examine the issue of services for the elderly.

Chairman Barry Coppock said: "Whenever we meet with our members, the one issue that always comes out top of any agenda is health and the NHS.

"Together with the Trinity Community Resource Centre, we have organised a special afternoon aimed at providing the older person with information about the kind of services available for them."

The session is entitled Is Anybody Out There? and will be held at St Philip's Church, Summerfield Road, Palm Bay, on Thursday, June 16, at 2pm.

Entry is free and there will be a Q&A session at the end of the talk.

Phone 01843 864487 for details.

Nursery celebrates awards final place

IT'S celebration time at one of the isle's pre-school nurseries.

The Fledgeling Day Nursery in Ramsgate has been announced as the regional winner for the South at the NDNA Day Nursery of the Year Award 2009.

The nursery was one of just five finalists in the running for the prestigious title, which a northern nursery went on to win.

Fledgeling was established in 1986 and is housed in a converted chapel in Chapel Road.

Staff were handed their award by by Strictly Come Dancing and Emmerdale star Claire King at a ceremony at York race course.

The prize included £400 to spend on educational resources for the children.

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VICTORIAN MAKEOVER

A Margate pub has been restored to its Victorian glory thanks to a £75,000 refurbishment by licensee Rob Griffiths and brewery Shepherd Neame.

The original bars, some of the best surviving examples of Victorian pub design in Kent, have been stripped, stained and polished, and are supported by authentic solid mahogany joinery with raised and fielded panels.

The back bar features classic, hand-etched mirrors below an ornate curved cornice depicting cherubs decorated with gold leaf.

Rob reopened the pub in January, following 11 months of replastering and decorating ceilings and walls and refurbishing the interior.

Signage and lighting has been fitted outside, while inside the toilets have been refurbished and new beer-dispensing equipment has been fitted in the cellar.

Rob said: "Trade is already picking up and we are hopeful for a good summer. The Rose in June is close to the famous Winter Gardens and is the perfect place to relax with a drink, before or after a show."

Young chef revels in heat of the kitchen at national finals

A TALENTED Ramsgate teenager has battled it out with the best young chefs the UK has to offer at the National Junior Chef finals.

Finola Limbrick finished fifth from six competitors at Thanet College last week.

The cook-off was judged by college old boy and TV chef Gary Rhodes as the youngsters battled it out for the coveted title.

The competition was sponsored by P&O Ferries and judged by a panel of well-known chefs, including Mr Rhodes.

Mohammed Gooljar, from Sheffield City College, emerged triumphant with a winning menu of roasted fillet of mackerel with garlic-scented mash and buttered asparagus.

He followed it with a hot strawberry and frangipane tart with strawberry and elderberry sorbet.

The 14-year-old was overjoyed to be declared the champion.

He said: "I can't believe it, I'm chuffed to bits.

■ BY TOM BETTS

I have really enjoyed the day and have memories that will last forever".

Mr Rhodes spent the day at the college watching the young eager chefs and then judged their innovative dishes, along with his fellow judges, Simon Bean, executive chef at P&O Ferries, Roy Walker, chef at P&O Ferries, and Neil Wiggins, executive chef at Eastwell Manor.

The star said: "I am truly amazed at the skill that these young chefs possess and would welcome every one of them into my kitchens. You have to pinch yourself to remember they are so young.

"The quality we have seen today would not be out of place in any of the UK's top restaurants.

"Thanet College is one of the best catering colleges in the UK and has a special place in my heart as I studied here all those years ago.

"I still get goose-bumps when I return and walk into those kitchens. Special thanks must

go to the culinary geniuses that led me to where I am today."

Roger Phillips, head of catering, hospitality and tourism, said the day had been the "best Juniorchef yet".

"This event wouldn't have been possible without the input from all our sponsors and I am so very grateful, especially to P&O Ferries for their enormous generosity and the fantastic hospitality we received onboard," he said.

"I was impressed by the standard of our local girl, Finola Limbrick. Both Gary and I really hope that she stays involved in this industry because she has the skills and determination to succeed."

The competition concluded with a three-course-lunch cooked and served by Thanet College catering students in the college's fourth-floor restaurant.

Second place went to Andrew Hobbs, 16, from Highbury College, Portsmouth. Ben Mariner, 15, from Bournemouth College and Bethany Dare, 14, from Loughborough College, were joint third. Lydia Eagle, 14, from Suffolk New College, was sixth.


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Witnesses to road accident sought by police after grandfather's death

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a man died following a traffic accident in Birchington.

Retired builder Ken Jones, 79, died in hospital five days after the incident on Thursday May 14.

At 5.20pm that day, he left the carriageway in his blue Rover 400, moments from his home in Park Road, and hit two bungalows.

He was returning from the betting shop in Station Road where he had put a £1 bet on a greyhound race.

Mr Jones was taken to hospital with broken bones in his back and bruising to his chest.

On Tuesday, May 19, he passed away with his family around him. A post-mortem examination revealed that Mr Jones had contracted pneumonia.

His widow Patricia said she was missing him

■ BY TOM BETTS

terribly, having moved to the peace of Thanet from Hackney in London nine years ago and having had lots of time together in retirement.

She said: 'He had been in all afternoon with the horse-racing and had just popped down the road to place his little bet. He enjoyed that, and going out for a drive.'

'He was coming back for his dinner. I was watching Paul O'Grady on the television.'

'I didn't hear all the sirens. It wasn't until the policewoman knocked on the door that I found out what had happened.'

'They were not too worried about him at the hospital to start with, but then he deteriorated.'

Mr Jones leaves behind his wife of 53 years, a son and daughter, three granddaughters, three great-granddaughters and one great-grandson

— there is another great-grandson on the way. Mr Jones would have been celebrating his 80th birthday on Tuesday next week. His funeral was due to take place today (Wednesday) at Thanet crematorium.

An inquest will be held into the circumstances of Mr Jones's death.

Acting Sgt Steve Freeman said: 'We would like to hear from anyone with any information to get in touch.'

'At the time of the incident, a light-blue hatchback saloon car was seen in the area. I am asking for the driver of that car to come forward and assist us with our inquiries.'

'It is believed to be a local vehicle and was thought to have returned to the scene later in the day after the collision.'

If you have information, please call Acting Sgt Steve Freeman at Kent Police's Serious Collision Investigation Unit on 01622 798538.

Drinks at wedding cost driver licence

A MAN whose car was seen weaving across the Thanet Way by a traffic officer has been arrested for drink-driving.

Malcolm Horlor, 59, of Broad Street, Sheerness, had held a clean licence for 42 years, but a beer too many at a wedding reception ruined it. As a result he found himself in front of Canterbury magistrates admitting a drink-driving charge.

Theresa Ruiz, prosecuting, said officers spotted his Ford Escort being driven erratically near the Roman Galley pub. When he was stopped he admitted having a drink.

Paul Goldspring, defending, said: 'He made the classic mistake of having a couple of drinks but eating no food. He thought he was fine, but he'd made a stupid mistake.'

Because of his conviction, Mr Goldspring said Horlor would lose his job with a failing recruitment company.

He said: 'Mr Horlor was expecting to be made redundant. Now the company can get rid of him without compensation.'

Horlor was banned for a year, fined £130 and ordered to pay £60 costs plus £15 victim surcharge.



VILLAGE'S WHEELS OF FORTUNE

Get on your bike down to the isle's newest cycle shop, which opened this week. Addictive Bikes in St Peters began trading on Monday, when it celebrated its grand opening. Owners Toby and Rebecca Taylor have now opened two stores in the space of a year. Toby said: 'Sales of bikes have been very good of late and we're pleased to be opening our new shop here in the village. We stock everything from mountain bikes, hybrids, trials bikes, BMXs and children's bikes, as well as all the accessories you need.' The Albion Road store was previously called The Bike Shop and run by Ged O'Callaghan, who has now retired. Pictured shaking hands with Toby, Ged (left) said he was pleased to see the shop in safe hands with Peter and Becky.

Sat-nav led taxi-driver on to rail

BARMY taxi-driver Donald James, 74, took two terrified passengers along a railway line because his sat-nav told him to.

James, of Marlow Road, Margate, caused mayhem on December 12 last year when he turned right at a level-crossing on the edge of Canterbury.

As a result, commuter trains on the busy Thanet to Ashford line were held up for 90 minutes while James and a 19-year-old girl and her nine-year-old charge were extricated from his silver Ford Mondeo.

James admitted careless driving by letter to Canterbury magistrates court on Wednesday last week, but because of the chaos he caused the Bench wants to see him in person.

Theresa Ruiz, prosecuting, said a line of traffic was approaching the crossing at Broad Oak when the Mondeo suddenly turned right.

Drivers watched open-mouthed as the saloon drove down the electrified railway line with a train due any minute.

Mrs Ruiz said: 'Mr James's momentary loss of concentration could have had catastrophic effects. All trains on the line were stopped for 90 minutes, disrupting the network.'

'Mr James told police his sat-navigation equipment told him to turn right, so he turned.'

Wendy Masters, who was driving behind Mr James, said visibility was clear.

She told police: 'I was 35 feet behind the Mondeo as I approached the crossing. I saw it turn right on to the railway track and start driving along it. I couldn't believe what I was seeing.'

She raced to alert rail staff and saw James had realised his mistake and tried to reverse back but his wheels were stuck in the track.

Then she saw the petrified passengers emerge and walk gingerly along the tracks to safety.

James be sentenced by magistrates on Monday, June 8.

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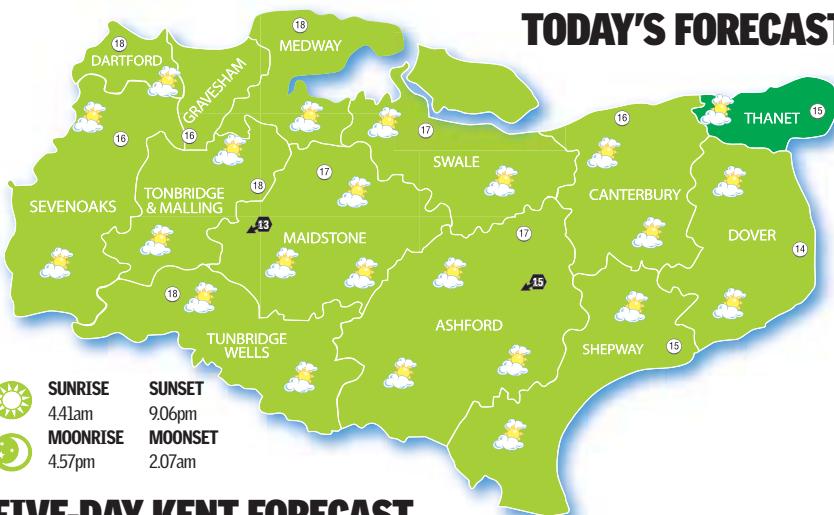
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Dungeness	Saturday	10:55am	6.9m
	Sunday	11:36am	7.1m
Ramsgate	Saturday	11:33am	4.6m
	Sunday	12:14pm	4.7m
Sheerness	Saturday	12:34pm	5.4m
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Whitstable	Saturday	12:45pm	5.0m
	Sunday	1:25pm	5.0m

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Las Palmas	23°C	Wellington	11°C

THE interim ASBOs against nine people alleged to be responsible for antisocial behaviour in Newington have been extended.

The orders will now be in operation for two more months. The extensions come after the case against the nine, who all live in Ramsgate, was adjourned until August.

The case was put back because it clashed with GCSE exams of some of the accused.

The new dates for the trial, which will take place in Folkestone, have been fixed as Monday 10, Friday 14, Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 and Friday 21, August.

The interim ASBOs were granted in December 2008 following a civil case brought by Thanet council and supported by Kent Police on behalf of the Thanet Community Safety Partnership.

Offence

The interim ASBOs carry the same weight as full orders and remain in force until Friday, August 21. It is a criminal offence to breach the terms.

The nine cannot congregate in groups of more than three in public in Thanet or go near any of the witnesses in the case.

They cannot carry out insulting or offensive behaviour, throw items, or use behaviour likely to cause harassment.

Community safety co-ordinator Jessica Bailey said: "Although it's frustrating that the court case has been adjourned, we have at last seen interim ASBOs against all nine extended until the end of the court case."

"These restrictions apply anywhere in the district and not just in the Centre, Harbour Street or Ramsgate town centre and, if there are any breaches, then we can act on that."

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Q & A

James Alexandre talks to Peter Carroll, founder of the Gorkha Justice Campaign, which succeeded in winning residency rights for all Gorkha veterans, about the early days and where we go from here

Q Tell us a little about yourself

A I'm 48 years old and married to Lynne. I own a road transport company based in Maidstone. However, I've had a very varied career. I started as a research scientist and then served as an officer in the RAF for six years. I ran a software company until moving into the family road transport business in 1992. I am a Liberal Democrat.

Q How did you get involved in the Gorkha Justice Campaign?

A In 2004, four retired Gurkhas arrived at my home to say that one of their colleagues was being deported. This was a jaw-dropping moment for me. I had no idea that at the time all retired Gurkhas had to go back to Nepal. From that moment, I vowed to help them. I helped forge them into a campaigning force.

Later that year, the Blair Government announced a major change in policy and said that Gurkhas who retired after 1997 could stay in Britain. While a very good move, this led to the terrible situation that Gurkhas who retired before 1997 could not stay – this included veterans of the first Gulf War, the Falklands and other conflicts.

Q What does this new announcement by the Government mean for all retired Gurkhas?

A This new policy will change lives profoundly and in a wonderful way. It means that

thousands of very brave and loyal British Army Gurkhas who have been excluded from living in Britain can now do so. For them and their families it gives access to a better life.

Q How crucial a role has Joanna Lumley played in the campaign?

A Her fame and her wonderful way of reaching out to people and her ability to communicate via the media meant the campaign gained a massive amount of momentum. With Joanna at the head, we were able to apply a degree of political pressure which had eluded us before her involvement.

Q Do you believe all foreign soldiers who fought on behalf of the UK should have the right to settle here?

A Yes I do. Indeed, soldiers from Commonwealth countries have had the right to settlement in the UK after four years for a very significant period. The central plank of our campaign was simply to ask for parity with these soldiers. We were never asking for anything special – just parity with Commonwealth soldiers.

Q How significant a decision do you believe this is in the history of our Parliament and Armed Forces?

A This decision is profoundly significant. A public campaign has forced an unwilling Government to do the 'right thing'. The vote in Parliament was crucial. In that vote, MPs of all sides worked together to defeat the Govern-

ment on an Opposition Day motion. I believe the last time that happened was in the mid 1970s. The Gurkha issue has helped bring to the fore the very important concept of the Military Covenant for all our soldiers. That covenant sets out that in return for the risks they take, members of the Armed Forces should expect to be well treated and respected.

Q Is there a next step for the campaign, or have you reached the pinnacle?

A No, this campaign is over. Usually, campaigns either only succeed in increasing awareness of an issue or in getting a compromise. In this case, the campaign has been won.

Q What do you believe the future holds for this Labour Government?

A I feel that it is in severe trouble. It is as if the public mood has shifted against it and it is struggling to become positive again. I think its difficulties can best be demonstrated by how it has reacted to our campaign. Blair's was the first Government to do something positive for the Gurkhas when it allowed post-1997 retirees to stay in this country. Gordon Brown has now built on this with his decision to let all retired Gurkhas stay. However, despite all that good work, many feel the Government has been dragged kicking and screaming to this point. Hence, the public has a negative view of its actions when, in fact, it has done more than any other.



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Have you seen one of these flutter by?

A MASSIVE number of distinctive Painted Lady butterflies has been arriving in the county after an amazing 1,000-mile migration from North Africa.

In a space of about 45 minutes, conservationists counted nearly 3,000 of the butterflies at one location in Kent, which they called "quite incredible".

The charity Butterfly Conservation has been receiving reports since the start of last week of sightings of large numbers of these fast-flying butterflies, which have orange, black and white-spotted wings, moving overhead for hours on end. They say this could be one of the largest Painted Lady migrations in decades.

The first indication of their arrival in Britain came when Butterfly Conservation members first reported seeing large numbers along the south coast.

Since then, thousands have been seen flying in a northerly direction.

Scientists have been predicting an unusually large migration since late winter.

■ BY NICK AMES

The butterflies originate from the Atlas Mountains of Morocco, where heavy winter rains allowed good germination of the caterpillar food-plants.

A Spanish researcher, Constanti Stefanescu, had reported seeing hundreds of thousands emerging in mid February and beginning their long flight north.

They were seen in large numbers in Spain during April and a few weeks later in France.

Now they have arrived in the southern part of the UK with sightings as far north as East Anglia being reported.

Butterfly Conservation is asking for the public's help to track the migration by recording any sightings at www.butterfly-conservation.org/migrantwatch.

Richard Fox, surveys manager, said: "There are literally millions of Painted Lady butterflies arriving right across Britain.

"This is a spectacular phenomenon and we are asking people to send us their sightings via our website".



MIGRATION: Painted Ladies are arriving to our shores in massive numbers

Reader's letter flew in

READER John Kemp from Whitstable contacted us after taking pictures of the visitors.

He said: "There has been a massive influx of Painted Lady butterflies into Britain in the past week. I saw 13 at one time in my garden in Whitstable, and I have also seen them in Chestfield.

"They have been reported from Grove Ferry, Sandwich Bay, West to Devon: sometimes in large numbers - more than 2,200 were counted at Dungeness. This

attractive butterfly is fairly common, but very variable in numbers, being an irruptive migrant from North Africa and southern Europe - it can not survive winters.

"It is, however, an extremely adventurous migrant and strong flier, being the only butterfly ever found in Iceland. I attach a photo, taken yesterday in my garden, where they were sipping nectar from our perennial wallflowers.

"Here are some pictures."



SWITCHED ON: The Duke of Kent turns on Hever Castle's energy efficient biomass boiler

Boleyn castle boiler is ahead of the rest

THE Duke of Kent was in the county this week to reveal a new greener Hever Castle.

The 12th-century tourist attraction is famous for being the childhood home of Anne Boleyn.

But it has now adopted a 21st century approach to becoming more environmentally friendly and energy efficient.

The Duke officially switched on Hever's energy efficient biomass boiler, which replaces the old inefficient oil-fired and LPG boilers with a new 650KW woodchip boiler.

This uses woodchip waste from local sawmills to create heating and hot water for the castle, the Moat Restaurant, the Hever Shop and even 14 residential properties locally.

It is thanks to a £139,000 grant from the Department of Energy and Climatic Change, plus a £100,000 Carbon Trust loan, along with an estate investment of £460,000.

Now 80 per cent of the castle's hot water and heating requirements will become renewable, saving approximately 390 tonnes of carbon dioxide in emissions a year.

The woodchip fuel is made locally from sawmill waste and low-grade timber, and will include timber from the Hever estate.

With haulage being carried out by local contractors, Hever Castle is minimising transport miles and diverting money originally spent on fossil fuels into the local community.

Duncan Leslie, chief executive of Hever Castle, said: "We're making a commitment to being greener while, at the same time, reducing fuel bills.

"We're making the castle as energy self-sufficient as possible without spoiling the attraction."

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Happy diners give glowing approval to local champion

Neill Barston visits The Mulberry Tree, which has just tucked another award under its belt

TUCKED away in the leafy surroundings of Boughton Monchelsea, The Mulberry Tree has been named as the Good Food Guide readers' favourite restaurant in the South East.

The accolade is all the more impressive given the fact the Hermitage Lane venue, which was completely revamped from a down-at-heel pub two years ago, has yet to appear in the prestigious national culinary guide.

Needless to say, the team at the restaurant were over the moon at the award, which comes in the wake of its recognition with a Produced In Kent Taste of Kent Award.

Karen Williams, The Mulberry Tree's front of house manager said: "This has made all the hard work pay off, it's fantastic for us. We had originally tried just having snack food available here at the venue, but that just didn't work. So we looked at what people really wanted and it's great that we have an award that has been gained by customers writing in."

She added that head chef Alan Irwin has been instrumental in the restaurant's success. The post is his first senior role, having previously worked as part of the team at Michelin starred venue Chapter One in Bromley.

The restaurant's contemporary styling and menu has been a big hit with customers, who have valued its philosophy of ensuring its food is sourced from Kent.

Its seasonal specials, ranging from fish caught off the county's coast, locally reared meat, and fresh vegetables from its own garden supplies have made it a sought-after evening venue. The restaurant also serves a continually evolving lunch menu that's suitable for both meat eaters and vegetarians.

There is a full selection of beers available from its bar, which also stocks a varied range of Kentish wines which can be enjoyed in its terrace garden.

More than 23,000 people voted in The Good Food Guide's



annual readers' Restaurant of the Year award, which recognises excellence and good service at independently owned restaurants, pubs and cafés across the UK.

The public were invited to nominate their favourite independently-owned and run restaurant, pub or café in their region, preferably one that offers regional dishes and/or seeks out local producers. They could nominate online or submit a postcard that was available from restaurants.

The Mulberry Tree now joins nine other regional winners to compete for the overall Restaurant of the Year title, which will be awarded on June 9, at a ceremony to be held at the British Museum.

Elizabeth Carter, editor of The Good Food Guide believed there had been some strong competition for this year's awards.

She said: "All of the restaurants that made it on to this year's shortlist should be really proud of the show of support they've received from their customers.

"The Mulberry Tree isn't the easiest place to find, but persevere. Alan Irwin's cooking is heroically seasonal, based on first-class local produce."

For more information visit www.themulberrytree.kent.co.uk or phone 01622 749082 or 01622 741058. For more details on the awards, visit www.which.co.uk/awards.



Take a bite of the cherry during weekend festival

A CELEBRATION of Kent's longstanding production of cherries is being held at Brogdale Farm in Faversham.

The Cherry Festival event, which takes place on the weekend of July 11-12, will offer more than 50 varieties for visitors to try at their leisure as they take in the national fruit collection, which features a total of more than 3,500 fruit varieties including apples, pears, plums, nuts and cherry varieties on site.

Sally Roger, of Brogdale Collection said: "Cherries are so tasty and buying locally when they are in season does make a huge difference to the taste. A visit to Brogdale is a unique experience."

The farm offers a great day out for the family in offering a wide range of fresh local produce at its market-place.

For more about the collection and the Cherry Festival visit www.brogdalecollections.co.uk

Celebration is brewing to help mark first Forces day

ONE of Kent's most innovative ale producers, The Nelson Brewery, is creating a special beer to mark the first Armed Forces Day taking place in Medway.

The Chatham Historic Dockyard-based company is hard at work putting the finishing touches to its brew, which will be released in time to coincide with the massive military event on Saturday, June 27.

Piers MacDonald, of the Nelson Brewery, commented: "This is going to be a really important event for us and the whole of Medway and we're glad to be a part of it."

For more information about the day and how to get tickets visit www.armedforcesday.org.uk/



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General returns to old school for annual awards

A DECORATED Army officer has presented the gongs at St Lawrence College's annual prize-giving night.

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The general is one the college's most prestigious Old Lawrentians, educated at the school for five years between 1964 and 1969.

From Ramsgate, via Sandhurst, he went on to Hatfield College at Durham University.

A distinguished military career has followed since then, with service in Cyprus, Northern Ireland, Bosnia and Kosovo.

He was awarded a Military Cross in 1973 and appointed CBE in 1996, while in 2005 he took over as Commander in Chief Land Command and assumed the appointment of Chief of the General Staff in August 2006.

The general made a polished speech, delighting the audience with the opening lines: "I feel very honoured indeed to stand here and present the prizes today. As an Old Lawrentian, it is frankly the first time that I

■ BY TOM BETTS

and prizes have been united on the same stage – the gaps on my bookcase at home are a testimony to this!"

He advised all students to "aim high and challenge yourselves and maximise all the opportunities the school provides for you".

He continued: "Be the very best you can be – as you only have one chance in life, don't settle for second best. And lastly, do the right thing, not the easy thing, as it is moral courage that really matters."

General Dannatt is a trustee of the charity Help For Heroes and a patron of the war-zone charity Hope And Homes For Children.

A school spokesman said: "General Sir Richard Dannatt was wonderfully patient with a battery of students wanting him to sign their prizes and speech day programmes, and have photos taken with him.

"He toured the school after the ceremony and had a word with every student he met on the way – all were really impressed with his warmth and approachability."

Despite signing up for just three years, the general has served 40 years in the services.

BREAK TIME



BATTLE-READY: Head-teacher Andrew Olsson and students got up close with an Apache helicopter

Enthusiasm soars with RAF base visit

THE Apache attack helicopter – one of the most effective and popular fighting machines in recent years – was the star attraction for some Broadstairs students when they visited RAF Wattisham in Suffolk.

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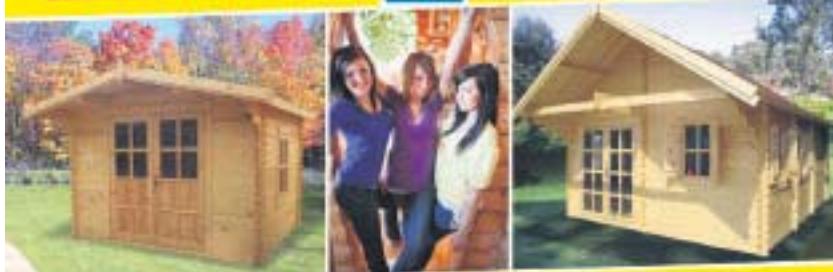
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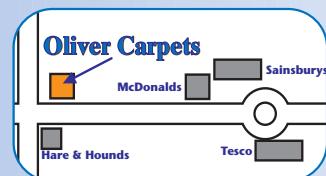
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Do we really care who is in Channel Four's next house of wannabe celebs?

Who'll be the next entrants into Big Brother's little hall of infamy?

WITH the start of yet another series of Big Brother tomorrow, who can forget the great characters to whom we have been introduced via the original TV 'reality' show?

Victor, alias the milkman, because he always delivers; Nasty Nick, so-called because he was nasty; wannabe Chanelle, who idolises Victoria Beckham... and all the rest.

You remember them, the stupid posh blonde one who used an offensive racial term, the nurse from Nigeria who said she faced death if she returned to Africa because her TV character was so unappealing.

What were they called again?

Oh yes, Emily and Makosi.

There, you see – legends all.

Just as is Science the rapper, who so memorably stated: "I live in da ghetto – wiv me mum!"

It's actually 50 years since the novel 1984 by George Orwell was published and the term Big Brother with its overtones of 24-7 surveillance was introduced to the world.

And what better way to remember that critique of authoritarianism and warning against an all-powerful state out to stamp a boot on the human face forever than watching a load of idiots cavorting in a make-believe house?

I mean, what have the victims of the thought police and those tortured in the Ministry of Love got compared with the housemates of Big Brother Seven?

Shahbaz threatened to commit suicide. Lea suffered from issues over her body. Nikki had anorexia. Glyn was Welsh! So was Imogen!

It surely doesn't get any worse than that.

Except – the truly awesome fight night of Big Brother Five. Compared with that, the retreat from Moscow was a stroll in the snow.

Victor was at the centre of it all and you can't keep a good milkman down, as the saying goes.

The kid from the ghetto had just about had it with gobby Emma and the fact that he was dressed as a clown didn't hold him back.

Live TV coverage was cut as the so-called battling pair were pulled apart by security guards.

Self-proclaimed gangsta Victor – aka Mr Slick because of his way wiv da ladeez –

flipped a table over before hurling a platter at her head.

Threats to kill then came from the lips of the man also called Mr Marmite as people either loved him or hated him – to the shock of Channel 4, which tried to involve the police.

It didn't end there as Big Vic and fellow 'Jungle Cat' Jason continued the row.

And there was even more aggro two series later as Grace hurled a glass of water quite near to Susie as she left the house.

The violence even spilled over into the real world.

"Centre of attention" Grace was attacked as she left the G.A.Y. club in London's Astoria and the "party girl" hurt her foot.

How real is that?

Yes, it doesn't get any bigger than Big Brother – and it lasts all summer (although it will seem like for the next decade).

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TALK TIME

DAVID HOLTECK

The 46-year-old 'refugee' discusses the artistic journey that led him from George W Bush's America all the way to sunny Ramsgate



What is your art about?

I work spontaneously and automatically. I prefer to let my imagination do most of the work and usually don't consult reference materials. I enjoy art the most when it is the result of a free-form connection between brain, spirit and canvas. As paintings evolve, I begin to develop a theme or idea. I want to elicit a strong reaction, preferably good, but bad is better than indifferent. I'm not interested in doing stuff that looks good over someone's sofa.

Do you enjoy what you do, and how did you start?

I enjoy it very much, I'm never bored. I drew a lot as a kid. In my teens, music distracted me and for the next 20 years I wrote and recorded music. Gradually I began to return to the arts and had my first solo show in 2003.

How did you come to live in Ramsgate?

I consider myself a refugee from Bush's America. An opportunity arose to move to the UK and I jumped on it. I looked at a few towns and Ramsgate appealed most.

Do you find Thanet an inspirational place?

Definitely. I love the towering concrete walls interspersed among the cliffs. I dig the old, winding streets and alleys. The people and culture are quite different to America, but I prefer to experience life here for what it is and derive inspiration from it.

Do you have a presence online?

Artvice.com is my portfolio site. CreativeDisease.com is where I attempt to amuse. OutOfToon.com is just for cartoons and Permutationist.com for music.

YOUR LETTERS

Taxi for Medlicott – a bus for the rest

It's good of Phil Medlicott to improve his bus services – what a shame it's not quite how others see it (last week's Yourthanet).

It's no good giving yourself praise if at the same time you are ruining other people's expectations by doing away with the very important route 34.

There are some elderly people who came to live on or near this route because of this bus service. Not all can afford a taxi to their destinations.

We know no business can exist if it isn't making a profit.

Why doesn't Mr Medlicott put more pressure on the council for a better subsidy?

When one considers the outrageous salary paid to the chief executive at Kent County Council (Tory, of course), surely he could be approached for a sub!

Fat chance.

Rex Priggen
by mail

The world united to beat the Nazis

Am I the only person who watched the British National Party election broadcast on TV and thought it was a distortion of history?

The film seemed to claim that only white British people fought to keep Britain from being invaded in the Second World War.

What do you remember? I thought there were West Indians, Indians, Australians, New Zealanders, Americans, people of Chinese origin, Africans, East Europeans such as Poles, Estonians, Ukrainians and lots more – all on the same side.

Who did I leave out? The Gurkhas. Quick, tell Joanna Lumley. She'll see off the BNP.

Name and address supplied to the editor

Setting the record straight on quote

I'm afraid the last part of my comment was misquoted in last week's Yourthanet story regarding the county council elections.

As there will be two candidates elected for Margate and Cliftonville, the whole thrust of our local Labour campaign has been centred on the issue of genuine teamwork and my actual words were:

"At County Hall we need two local representatives who work together and genuinely understand the town and its residents to state our case strongly and I believe the best way to make that happen would be to elect Iris Johnston and myself on June 4."

I certainly did not simply say "Elect me".

Cllr Clive Hart (Labour)
Margate and Cliftonville

Why I'm banking on St George's Day

Regarding the issue of bank holidays, surely any new date

must be a holiday for St George's Day. On or around April 23 would be fine – a bit close to May 1, but who cares?

The start of spring and a national day of celebration – who could ask for more?

Phillipa Hughes
by email

EU protest votes are nonsensical

Has anyone else thought it ridiculous that anti-EU parties want people to vote for them so they can boycott the European Parliament?

Why on Earth should anyone put their cross against someone so they can sit at home and do nothing while no doubt claiming a salary and expenses?

That's not a protest vote – it's a nonsense.

Ian Bower
by email

Gills did the county proud at Wembley

It was great to see how well the Gills played at Wembley – how they never stopped going and won so close to the final whistle.

With so many sides with great traditions up against them next season, maybe it is hoping too much for them to repeat the success enjoyed during the last campaign.

But fans have a whole summer to anticipate what's going to happen. Roll on August – and hopefully a few of those who went to Wembley be at Priestfield.

Brian Travers
by email

This railcard fare hike is scandalous

The recent increase in the cost of a journey for which a railcard can be used on trains is a scandal.

It is now a minimum fare of £12 rather than £10 at a time when the Government is doing all it can to promote the use of public transport.

Fares have also increased in recent months and this sort of profiteering does no one any favours.

If politicians were sincere in their requests for a better use of the national public transport services they would find a way of curtailing excessive demands on the customer.

But that would more than likely be expecting far too much in the way of vision from our members of Parliament.

Nigel Cotterill
by email

Holiday story was bit of a Turkey

I was pleased to read a pleasant report of Sunsail Club Javelin in last week's Yourmaidstone – it brought back fond memories of my friend 'Spliff'.

Last summer I worked as a sailing instructor at Club Javelin for four months and had an excellent time.

However, Sunsail has now closed its Turkish clubs (including Javelin) due to an incident concerning work visas at the end of October 2008.

Joseph Macgregor
by email

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Editor's reply: Dear Mr Macgregor,
thanks for letting us know about this development. We have had calls about this from readers of other midweek papers across Kent.

Our holiday features are supplied to us by the Press Association and so we ran the article in good faith.

We have sent your comment to PA and hopefully this error on its behalf will not happen again, but we would like to apologise for any inconvenience to our readers.

Stop people paying with their careers

Our Government is hell-bent on cutting jobs in every part of Kent.

All of Kent's councils appear to be contemplating redundancies: nationwide 7,000 local government jobs have gone already, with 14,000 more expected over the next 12 months.

More than 100 of our UK universities are planning to cut staff, too.

And if this was not bad enough, Government capping of university places will close the doors to about 30,000 eligible students this summer. Hasn't the Government heard of this country's massive skills shortages?

Work that could be done to insulate homes, cut energy wastage and fuel poverty and put solar water heating and solar panels in our schools and hospitals is not being done, condemning construction workers to enforced unemployment.

Yes, a recession is difficult, but there are plenty of areas of public spending occurring in Kent and Medway that we do not need.

Subsidies to chemical-based agriculture should be brought to an end; new major road-building should be stopped; subsidised public private partnerships to build new schools should be cut in favour of cheaper direct public spending on such projects; public spending on planning for large-scale lorry-parking and warehousing developments like China Gateway, the Kent International Gateway project and a similar project at Borough Green could all cease with a clear Government rejection of these unsustainable projects.

We're not a poor country. But we are poorly led, and people are paying with their jobs for the Government's combined failures to lead or to prioritise for the future.

Dr Hazel Dawe
Kent Green Party

You can help plant a happier community

National Volunteers Week started on Monday, which is a week of celebration and recognition for the hundreds of thousands of volunteers who help to make Britain a better place to live.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank this underground army and, in particular, a dedicated band of



horticultural heroes – the RHS Britain in Bloom and Neighbourhood Award volunteers.

Their muddy hands and green fingers turn concrete jungles into lush green places, while their endless enthusiasm and determination creates local environments in which people can flourish.

Gardening really is a tool that brings communities together.

The stories I have heard from the Britain in Bloom volunteers all ring true with the same messages – that, through gardening, friendships have been made, neighbours have reconnected with each other and antisocial behaviour has been reduced.

If you feel, as I do, that gardening plays a vital role in benefiting society and the world in which we live, and you would like to volunteer, please visit www.rhs.org.uk/britaininbloom.

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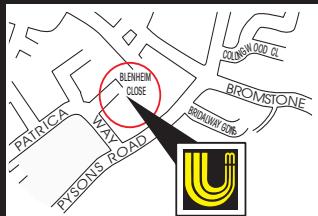


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Saturday, June 6, to
 Saturday, June 20
 Various venues, Medway

FANS of the weird and wacky will be in their element as this year's Fuse Medway Festival gets underway.

During this 15-day celebration of art and creativity, a dazzling array of dance, theatre, music and other entertainment will be on offer to inspire and intrigue spectators. New shows will be joining the programme this year to make the festival even more exciting, diverse and colourful than before.

Shoppers in Chatham High Street will know the festival has opened this Saturday when they find themselves sharing the pavement with jugglers, balloon artists and two Oxbridge undergraduates in a boat. Artizani will be punting down the street while the amazing Insect Circus Museum astounds people with its tame wasps, charmed worms and dancing snails.

If a pillow fight in the street is not entertaining enough, a stunning carnival will leave the New Art Centre in the evening and parade to Chatham riverside where dancers and musicians will showcase Indian music and melodies, followed by a firework display.

On Saturday, June 13, it will be Rochester High Street's turn to feel the groove on a day that is all about movement. Indian dance troupe Akademi, Medway's Loop Dance Company, award-winning 4x4 Bhangra Group and the Floor Crusaders will be showing off amazing skills that will captivate their audience.

Witness the art of parkour when Ashley Spider demonstrates his free running technique, while Dizzy O'Dare presents some breathtaking tightwire and circus stunts. Aspiring dancers will have the chance to try out some steps in a number of workshops with the professionals.

Rochester Castle Gardens will be the setting for a macabre stilt dance



FUSE FESTIVAL ATTRACTIONS:

Aerial dance display Loved Up, above, and right, a dancer from Indian troupe Akademi based on the Danza Antigua Festival of the living dead and Loved Up, an aerial dance display.

Shoppers will meet a variety of interesting characters in Gillingham High Street on Saturday, June 20, as fantastic street performers arrive in their midst. Frolicked Puppet Theatre, the pint-sized Flying Buttresses and the Cockney Awkestra will all be making the shopping experience more interesting that day.

The festival draws to a close at Rochester Castle Gardens that evening with the amazing From The Inky Deep. This tightwire and aerial circus show will astonish the audience, while fire sculptures by Denis Tricot will light up the night sky.

Taking place at several new venues across the area, Fuse Medway Festival promises to be even more entertaining than last year. For full listings call 01634 338319 or go online at www.fusefestival.org.uk.

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Sunday, June 7
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Experience a tractor ride around the farm, enjoy a nature walk, chat to the farmers who grow food, meet Wellington the bull and speak to foresters, falconers and bee keepers. Children can take part in a number of activities for youngsters and



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For more information, call 02476 413911 or visit www.farmsunday.org.

THE COMEDY CLUB

Thursday, June 4
Theatre Royal Margate



SEE the funny side as The Comedy Club returns for another evening of belly laughs.

Stand-up comedian, improvisational actor, magician and all-round performer Danny Buckler will be keeping everyone in order as compere, showing why he is becoming one of the most popular acts on the circuit. He is the star of BBC1's The Secrets of Magic, Channel 4's Danny Does Tricks and Bravo's Late Lounge, while his stage work includes a sell-out West End show with Victoria Wood and Imelda Staunton.

BBC New Comedy Awards winner Andy White will be opening the show, demonstrating the funny faces, silly voices and brilliant humour that took him from a call centre to the comedy circuit. The headline act is Geoff Norcott (pictured), whose sharp one-liners have made him popular both on stage and on television. He is the anchor on WKD Sports Shed Show on Nuts TV and appears on ITV's Five O'Clock Show with Richard Hammond and Weapons of Mass Distraction.

The show, which is suitable for over-18s, starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £10. To book, call 0845 130 1786 or 01227 787787.



HERE COME THE BOYS

Friday, June 12
Winter Gardens, Margate



PULSES will be racing next week as ladies prepare for an evening of entertainment with Here Come The Boys!

Featuring some recognisable faces from the original 1991 Chippendales cast and some new faces that are sure to be popular, the all-male dance group will be fulfilling

female fantasies with their thrilling show. With stunning bodies and smart dance routines, this show offers the perfect blend of live music, moves and muscle.

The production has been choreographed by Cris Judd, former husband of Jennifer Lopez and an ex-Chippendales dancer himself.

He choreographed routines for his ex-wife and was the lead dancer for Michael Jackson's History tour.

Among the hunks on stage is Tommy Maxwell from Folkestone, who also enjoys acting and boxing. He is among the new heartthrobs who join original cast members Randy, Terry, Tor, Victor, Kevin, Bernie and Dino.

The show starts at 7.30pm and special offer tickets cost £27.50/£20. The show is for over-16s.

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A day of celebration to mark war anniversary

CELEBRATE the 65th anniversary of the D-Day Landings with a special day of events at Ramsgate's Granville Theatre and East Cliff Bandstand.

The day begins with the story of Ramsgate at War at 10.30am with events running through to 7.30pm, when The Royal British Legion Remembers, followed by The Beverley Big Band Show. To book, phone 01843 591750.

Pugin's Grange opens its doors to the public

EXPLORE the Grade I-listed home of Augustus Pugin when The Grange opens its doors to the public this week.

The house in St Augustine's Road, Ramsgate, has been restored by the Landmark Trust. The free open days will take place from 10am to 4pm from Friday to Sunday and 10am to 1pm on Monday. For details, call 01628 825925, or visit www.landmarktrust.org.uk.

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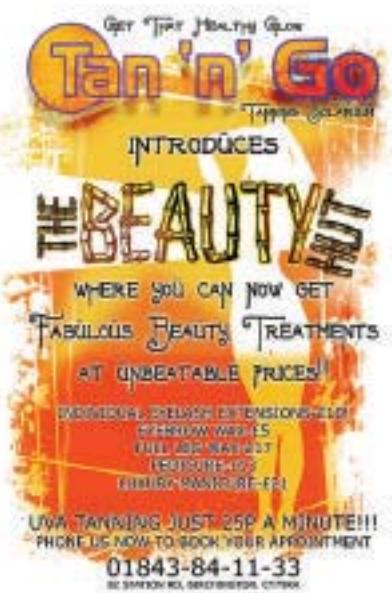
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Important note for aspiring musicians

■ BY TOM BETTS

YOUR chance to take a positive step forward into the music industry is available courtesy of a Kent-based company on the lookout for fresh new talent.

The exciting project from Diverse Music could enable you to get involved in music in a way you hadn't before thought possible.

It offers you the chance to become part of an expanding network of talent that could be too good not to take up.

The firm are run by three industry experts, with insider Malissa Whitehouse – who has worked with a host of big names like Travis and George Michael – heading up the team's push for new Kent talent.

She said: "This project is our chance to give something back to the music scene in Kent and we are hoping to find some great acts to work with and help.

"We feel we can help with the development and provide a doorway into the music industry for people who may not have had that chance."

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feels they may be able to make an impact, bookings for the FREE auditions are being taken now.

Eventually the artists will form a database of talent, who could be put in touch with each other to share ideas or even perform together.

It could prove to be a hotbed of ideas and creativity with the facilities and technology to put down professional tracks at the Diverse studio in Bilting near Ashford already in place.

Working with Malissa are producer Lee Golledge, who specialises in rock, indie and alternative material and Tony Matthew, a for-

mer member of the Soul II Soul collective, key players in the British soul revival in the 80s who had massive hit records.

The two are highly accomplished musicians and will be on hand to offer their advice to those who join the process.

Songwriters and other performers will also be added to the database as it takes shape with the aim to keep it growing and expanding.

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The latest overblown adrenaline rush from director Renny Harlin sees wrestling star John Cena battle against a madman in a series of preposterous challenges as he bids to save his girlfriend's life.

Comedy duo promise a night to remember

■ BY SUSAN GRIFFIN

PUT two comedy giants together in one room and even a pack of jaded journalists will soon be buzzing with anticipation at their imminent arrival.

Dictaphones are arranged, prime seats are fought over and hushed whispers reach fever pitch as Ricky Gervais and Ben Stiller make their entrance.

Gervais, 47, and Stiller, 43, have amassed an impressive body of work between them.

As the co-creator of *The Office*, Gervais won unlikely empathy for the sadly-comedic character David Brent, and the plaudits the series received brought him huge success on both sides of the Atlantic.

His subsequent star pulling-power allowed him to secure unlikely cameos from the likes of Robert de Niro and Kate Winslet, who both willingly sent themselves up in his follow-up project, *Extras*.

Stiller meanwhile has been described as a "ringmaster who knows everybody in Hollywood" by his friend and co-star Hank Azaria, having been behind box office hits such as *Meet The Parents*, *Dodgeball* and *Tropic Thunder*.

The reason for the duo's joint appearance is to promote their latest cinematic pairing in comedy sequel *Night At The Museum 2*.

Back in the press room, a call for silence breaks into applause as the duo arrive.

Gervais, wearing black trousers, T-shirt and jacket, leads the way. He is closely followed by Stiller, who at around 5ft 6in, also wearing black and sporting impressively bouffant hair, makes Gervais look positively statuesque.

The premise of the *Night At The Museum*



DOUBLE ACT: Buddies Ricky Gervais and Ben Stiller

movies revolves around the idea of museum exhibits coming to life once visitors have left.

Stiller reprises the role of Larry Daley, the former museum night guard at The Museum of Natural History who has now found success as an infomercial inventor.

The museum's assorted historical characters, played by the likes of Owen Wilson, Robin Williams and Steve Coogan, all reappear, along with a host of new faces, such as Amy Adams as Amelia Earhart and Azaria as an Egyptian pharaoh. Gervais, meanwhile, is back as Daley's boss, the oblivious Dr McPhee.

Stiller said: "We had to figure out a way to start the second movie, particularly as Larry was so happy at the end of the first one.

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"The idea that Larry had become successful and had all the problems that come with that took him away from his true happiness."

Both cast and crew wanted everything in the sequel to not only be bigger but better, so the action was moved to the world's largest museum, Washington's Smithsonian Institution.

While it meant an infinite amount of creative possibilities for the production team, it does beg the question whether there's now anywhere else the film franchise can go.

"I don't know," says Stiller. "The idea of doing a third one would be great. It's just figuring out how it could get any bigger; any different."

"How about a normal museum where nothing comes to life, just following the admin," Gervais chips in. "Just naturalise it all..."

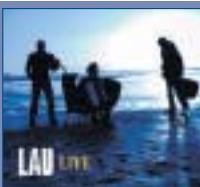
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Book time with a Sikh Guru at Bluewater

DISCOVER the hidden history of Hazoor Sahib in a new book that sheds light on the final resting place of the Tenth Sikh Guru.

Expert swordsman Nidar Singh Nihang and historian Parmjit Singh will be signing copies of their illustrated book, *In The Master's Presence: The Sikhs of Hazoor Sabib*, at Bluewater on Saturday.

Meet them at Waterstone's from 11am to 3pm. A £10 discount is available to anyone who buys the book on the day.

Enjoy stories about the Pantiles over a coffee

ENCHANTING tales about the historic Pantiles can be enjoyed in a new book about the Tunbridge Wells landmark.

Pantiles owner Targetfellow has published a coffee-table book celebrating the area's 400-year history. It includes information about how the Chalybeate Spring was discovered in 1606.

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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETSS

I'M RUNNING SAINSBURY'S

Channel 4, 9pm, Tuesday

BEFORE I entered to the world of journalism I worked in a branch of Sainsbury's for a while.

Well, six months and a day, to be exact, and I think it's safe to say it was the worst half-year of my life.

I've paid my dues sticking six-can multipacks of Diet Coke in perfect pyramid formations hour after hour.

I was only part-time, but each shift would grind on and on until it started to feel like time was actually going backwards as customers relentlessly marched towards me like wave after wave of the undead wanting only to know what aisle the pickled onions had been moved to.

In my time there, what always struck me about the place was the snottiness of the general management team, who seemed to think they operated on a higher plain than the rest of humanity, when they were in fact just running a regional supermarket which would make money if Scooby Doo and Shaggy were in charge.

With those painful days still kicking up their fair share of painful dust in my memory banks, I was looking forward to the new show from Channel 4, I'm Running Sainsbury's.

Indeed, running Sainsbury's was often notion I wished I could put in practice as, time and again, I got a rolicking for squeezing four rows of Pringles into the gap where there should only have been three.

This four-part show lets those who spend their time on the shop floor take over from the usual managers.

Britain's oldest supermarket chain, which is said to make up to £30,000 a



CHECK IT OUT: I'm Running Sainsbury's sees shop-floor staff take charge of the supermarket

minute, is intent on uncovering some super new ideas from the staff.

Chief executive Justin King reckons those who do most of the donkey-work should get their say on how to make the store a better place for everybody.

And all this definitely does not have anything to do with free advertising during a prime-time slot – OK!

If nothing else, I guess they are really sticking to the message of their latest slogan "Try something new today".

It should be fascinating watching the staff try to make an impact and it should be even more interesting to see if the store takes any of their ideas on board once the hype and publicity from the whole process have died away.

If nothing else, I guess it can't be any worse than Supermarket Sweep...

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YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

JUST because you don't have the time or money to go back to school doesn't mean your learning will come to a halt. Head for the library and check out some books devoted to your favourite subject. Some will be over your head, but others will be right up your alley.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOUR brain is moving at a million miles a minute. This is an excellent time to work on a project that has been giving you lots of grief. All of a sudden what seemed like insurmountable problems become minor inconveniences. You're especially good at finding ways to make money.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

SPENDING money on a timesaving gadget will pay off. It might cost a packet, but you will make the most of this device. If you're looking for a job, you could find one in fashion, design or entertainment. Don't be afraid to negotiate a higher salary than is initially offered.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

TEAMWORK is the name of the game this week. Taking the helm of a group will help you to focus on the most important tasks, while subordinates take care of the detail work. Resist the urge to micromanage people. By trusting their abilities, they'll rise to the challenge.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

IT feels as though you can read a loved one's mind and they may be concerned that you're not demonstrative enough. Although it's true you show your affection through thoughtful deeds, rather than physical affection, that may not be sufficient. Step up your game a little.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

A MEETING of minds with a romantic or business partner is reassuring. If you've had fights about money in the past, this is the time to find a cash compromise. You're very resourceful, and can find ways to save in some areas so you can splurge in others.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

EXPANDING your horizons will be a labour of love. There's never been a better time to plan a trip overseas so long as you go somewhere luxurious. Even a bargain hunter like you needs to splash out now and again. Acquiring new skills and talents is also a possibility.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

BRUSHING up on your work skills makes it easier to rise through the ranks. If you're intent on switching jobs, the same rule applies. Take a class or get a professional certificate. Although you hate focusing on silly little details, it's a necessary component to moving forward.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

LIFE is about to become a lot more fun. If you're in the market for romance you could meet someone special. Keep your ears open for someone with a sexy laugh. If you're already in a relationship, this would be a good time to plan leisurely outings with your beloved.

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BY BELINDA SZONERT

SHE'S small, she's cute and she's one of the Dutch city of Utrecht's most famous exports.

Miffy, or Nijntje, as the little white rabbit is known in her native Holland, is a popular book and TV character across the globe.

Utrecht, about an hour's drive from the port of Rotterdam, is the birthplace of Miffy creator and local resident Dick Bruna.

But Utrecht is more than the home of Miffy. It's the perfect place for a short break, with pedestrian quaysides lining a network of 14th-century canals, plus bars and restaurants, great shopping and an eclectic mix of tourist attractions.

Founded by the Romans, Utrecht is

almost 2,000 years old and was once the largest and most important city in Holland. Today, it is one of Holland's newest city-break destinations.

The focal point is the Dom Church and its tower. A nave once connected the two, but in 1674 this collapsed during a storm. The church and tower were never reconnected, and a street and square now separate the two structures.

Regular tours, with an English-speaking guide, start from the visitor centre and those with plenty of energy can climb the 465 steps to the top of the 112m tower.

The mechanically- and musically-minded, and those with a sense of fun, are sure to enjoy

a visit to the nearby National Museum From Musical Clock To Street Organ.

The museum attracts thousands of visitors each year who come to see automatic musical instruments from the 15th century to today.

Our guide tells us that one of the favourite pieces with the public is the rather strange sounding Rabbit In A Cabbage.

But there's another rabbit on the block – and she can boast a museum of her own!

The Dick Bruna Huis is a must for Miffy aficionados of all ages. There are displays charting Bruna's extraordinary career for the grown-ups, while children can hear stories and play.

The Dick Bruna Huis is part of the Centraal Museum on the opposite side of the street. Highlights from the collection here include works by 17th-century Utrecht Caravaggists – who were inspired by Caravaggio – and 16th-century painter Jan van Scorel.

The Museum Quarter, as it's known, is easy to explore on foot and even includes an Aboriginal Art Museum.

For a different perspective on what the city has to offer, a canal cruise comes highly recommended, while Utrecht also boasts Holland's largest shopping mall, Hoog Catharijne.

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Accommodation in Utrecht starts at €9750 per night at the NH Centre Utrecht Hotel, close to the canals, shopping district, restaurants and cafes.

Hotel reservations: 0031 3023 13169 and www.nh-hotels.com. Destination information: Netherlands Board of Tourism, 0207 539 7950 and www.holland.com.

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PROPERTY NEWS

Small building firms call for cut in VAT

A CALL for a VAT cut for small firms in the building sector could go some way towards boosting trade, according to a survey.

The Federation of Small Businesses claims a five per cent flat rate for home renovations could help small businesses "struggling against a backdrop of decreasingly bad trade".

The industry had pushed the Government heavily in the run-up to the Budget for a cut in VAT on renovation – after a decision in Europe allowed nations to drop the tax rate on a number of services.

A survey by the FSB showed 59 per cent of respondents in the building sector said their trade had fallen in the last six months, with 37 per cent concerned that their financial prospects were poor.

Almost half of those surveyed said it was the lack of demand that was fuelling the negative impact on their businesses. A key concern for business was the 15 per cent VAT rate.

John Walker of the FSB, said: "Confidence in the smaller building projects around the country has dropped to a low, and people who were thinking of adding an extension to their home, renovating their bathroom or building a garage, should be given the incentive to go ahead."

'Greater incentives are needed to go green'

POLICIES to reduce carbon emissions will fail without greater green incentives, a lobby group for property owners has claimed.

The British Property Federation (BPF) said real estate should be one of the easiest areas to make carbon emissions savings but the Government needed to encourage landlords and tenants to work together to make cuts.

Liz Peace, chief executive of the BPF, said: "The Government should explore how the tax system might be used to incentivise improvements by altering the conundrum we have over how the benefits from improvements are shared between landlords and tenants."

The BPF said the Government had ignored the fact that most commercial property was rented.

Ms Peace said: "This means landlords cannot simply walk into a tenant's shop, for example, and turn the lights off. Therefore, any incentives and responsibilities for improving energy performance are widely split between the two groups."



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How much are you paying for your HIP?

■ BY NICK AMES

THE Law Society is urging home-sellers to check the real cost of their Home Information Pack with their estate agent to avoid inflated costs.

The warning comes after a Channel 4 News investigation found evidence that more than £100 could be getting added to the price of HIPs because of secret payments to estate agents.

With many estate agents hiring HIP providers to supply home-sellers with the evaluation, the Law Society is calling on sellers to check very carefully how much their agent is charging for the HIP.

Law Society president Paul Marsh said: "The cost of the HIP charged to the home-seller by the estate agent could be much higher than necessary and more than the agent actually pays the HIP provider.

"Because of these hidden referral fees the estate agent is overcharging the seller and making a secret profit.

"Sellers should ask for details of the exact costs to discover if the agent is charging them more than they should be, and more than the HIP actually cost the estate agent.

"They should also ask if the estate agent is receiving a hidden commission from the HIP provider, which would mean the estate agents are keeping part of the cost themselves. If the agent is paying £300 to the HIP provider and then charging their

client £400, the client is paying an extra £100 unnecessarily. With the other costs involved in selling, these added costs are unwanted extras.

"If sellers do find their agent is charging extra for their HIP they should ask their solicitor if they provide a HIP instead, as solicitors are required to be fully open with their clients about fees.

"The added benefit of using a solicitor is that they are all strictly regulated and required to follow stringent rules, unlike estate agents."

Concerns

In the latest legislation on house sales anyone hoping to sell their home needs a HIP in place before they can put the property on the market, raising the risk of quickly-arranged HIPs that are inaccurate.

The Law Society has also raised concerns over the new Property Information Questionnaires which are now a feature of HIPs, requiring sellers to answer questions about their home.

Mr Marsh added: "PIQs are supposed to provide information for potential buyers about the property, but if they are not completed correctly it could harm the relationship between buyer and seller, which is the last outcome anyone wants, especially now when the market is so slow.

"A solicitor will be able to assist in completing the questionnaire to ensure it is accurate."



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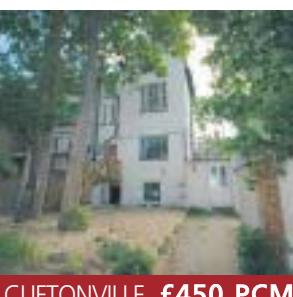
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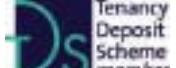
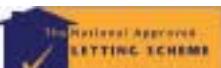
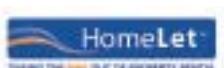
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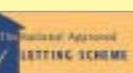
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MOTORS NEWS



Most new Prius prices pegged ahead of launch

TOYOTA aims to maintain the momentum of its green champion, the Prius, by defying recessional pressures ahead of launching a new model this August.

So the range continues from £18,370 for the Prius T3 entry model, while the T Spirit is also pegged at £21,210, though the mid-range T4 rises £835 to £19,990.

The Mark III version of the petrol-electric hybrid, which has soared in popularity, is claimed to have stronger performance, lower emissions, improved fuel economy and more equipment.



Jazz hits high note on safety and economy

HONDA'S soon to be British-built Jazz has added a safety plus to its reputation as a spacious and economical supermini.

It has been awarded the maximum five-star rating in Euro NCAP's newly overhauled rating scheme, which focuses on a single score for passenger, child and pedestrian protection plus driver safety aids.

This will further boost a car which will switch production to Honda's Swindon plant this autumn, delivering keener prices for recession hit drivers seeking a compact all-rounder.



Mercedes 'Swappage' deal tempts van users

MERCEDES-BENZ has a counter offer to van operators sidelined by the Government's Scrappage scheme – a £2,000 cash incentive whether users have a 10-year-old van to swap or not.

Promoted under the 'Swappage' banner, the deal is on the 109bhp turbodiesel engine Sprinter 311CDI and M-B is chipping in the full £2,000 discount rather than getting half from the Treasury.

The deal is also available on various purchasing arrangements: lease, contract hire or low rate finance.



LITTLE GREEN MACHINE: The Fiat 500, named European Car of the Year 2007, has pioneered Fiat's Eco Drive software which helps the owner to drive more economically

Fiat 500 – the baby that packs a mighty big punch

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FIAT 500

■ BY STEVE LOADER

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Driving appeal



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Running costs



Reliability



Green rating



EcoDrive, with consequent savings and a greener conscience.

The 1.2 500 model (0-62mph in 12.9 seconds) should average well over 50mpg anyway and is probably the best buy 500, although the modest £8,300 start price can be blown away by tempting options such as our car's black/chrome alloys (from £300).

And you need Lounge spec (from £9,700) to get a split/folding rear seat; the boot is not huge and you might want to flop down one seat to accommodate extra shopping or an awkward item, yet still carry a rear passenger. But Lounge spec brings air con and alloys as standard plus more.

The 500 interior is a pleasing mix of retro with modern materials of higher quality.

Some may scratch easily, but everything you touch feels tough, including the now trademark 'billiard ball' gear knob.

Inheriting the Fiat Panda running gear and chassis is not all good news; the ride can feel unsettled though the lighter weight of the 1.2 against the 1.4-litre petrol and 1.3-litre diesel, makes it feel more refined and more nimble, while still able to cruise the motorway comfortably.



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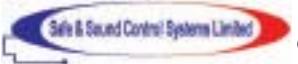


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CRICKET

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Kent League Division Two

Broadstairs 1st XI v Harvel 1st XI

BRADLEY Ellison took 5 for 45 – including a hat-trick – to help his side to a 14-run win against Harvel at the weekend.

After batting first, Broadstairs were indebted to a knock from skipper Neil Brennan who hit 116 from 125 balls, including ten fours and four sixes, as they scored 214 all out. The other Broadstairs batters found the going tough and had slumped to 90 for 7 at one stage, until Brennan and Chris Kidd staged a recovery, giving their bowling attack something meaningful to work with. The pair put on 100 for the eighth wicket with Kidd scoring 28.

Alaister Ramsey and Desmond Bailey each took three wickets apiece for Harvel.

In reply, the visitors got off to an awful start, crashing to 22 for 4, thanks largely to Bradley Ellison's excellent spell of bowling. The opening bowler had skipper Benjamin Phillips caught and bowled for eight, before trapping Julian Taylor in front first ball. There were tense scenes as Ellison came into bowl the next ball and when Robert McSweeney edged one behind to wicketkeeper Brennan, it sparked wild celebrations.

Alaister Ramsey kept out the next ball before going on to register a gritty 97 from 112 balls and his 143-run partnership with Harry Ashdown (49) looked to have set Harvel up for victory. However, the introduction of Chris Kidd worked wonders as he sent them both packing, before Ellison returned to clear up the tail and ensure Broadstairs won the game by the narrow margin of 14 runs. Harvel were close to holding on for a draw but were denied when Ellison claimed the wicket of Simon Jones with the penultimate ball of the game.

Broadstairs were a marvel against Harvel on Saturday



ON THE BALL: Broadstairs bowlers were on top form at the weekend, none more so than Bradley Ellison, who took a hat-trick

Picture: GUY KOPP

SCOREBOARD

Broadstairs

	Runs
David Cooper c & b Bailey	17
Terry Bond ct Ashdown b Ramsey	12
Michael Ross ct Walker b Ramsey	1
Scott Narraway ct McSweeney b Bailey	3
Sam Winsor lbw b Ramsey	7
Neil Brennan ct Ashdown b McSweeney	116
Dan Smith run out	0
Bradley Ellison ct Rumbelow b Bailey	1
Chris Kidd run out	28
Andrew Marshall not out	6
Liam Narraway b McSweeney	0

Extras (6b 9lb 7w 1nb) 23
Total (all out, 49.5 overs) 214

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Alister Ramsey	15	2	50	3
Desmond Bailey	15	4	53	3
Harry Ashdown	6	2	13	0
Grant Rumbelow	6	1	21	0
Simon Jones	4	0	27	0
Robert McSweeney	35	0	35	2

Harvel

	Runs
Benjamin Phillips c & b Ellison	8
David Walker lbw b Narraway	2
Julian Taylor lbw b Ellison	0
Robert McSweeney ct Brennan b B Ellison	0
Alister Ramsey ct Brennan b Kidd	97
Harry Ashdown b Kidd	49
Philip Darby not out	19
Dominic Saunders run out	2
Grant Rumbelow b Kidd	9
Desmond Bailey ct Smith b B Ellison	2
Simon Jones lbw b Ellison	0

Extras (3b 8lb 1w) 12
Total (all out, 49.5 overs) 200

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Liam Narraway	6	1	28	1
Bradley Ellison	10.5	1	45	5
Michael Ross	14	3	52	0
Chris Kidd	15	2	52	3
Andrew Marshall	4	0	11	0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Sandwich 1st XI v Ashford 1st XI

ASHFORD clung on for a draw against Sandwich, with last wicket pair Alex Watson and James Rand staving off defeat.

Sandwich built a huge total, with Craig Snell making 52, Vishal Singh 82 and Robert Goatham 104 before he was run out as the home side scored 271 for 3 from their 50 overs.

Chasing 272 to win, Ashford were in trouble early on and lost wickets at regular intervals, leaving Watson and Rand to hang on at the death and salvage a losing draw. Jack Bradley was the pick of the attack with 4 for 61.

Sandwich Town

	Runs
Craig Snell	52
David Scoggin	13
Robert Goatham	104
Vishal Singh	83
Michael Williams	5
James Bolt	0
Stuart Smith	0
Gary Burgess	0
Gavin Lawrence	0
Matthew van Poppel	0
Jack Bradley	0
Extras	(4b 7lb 2w 1nb) 14
Total	(3 wickets, 50 overs) 271

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Andrew Maurice	9	3	24	2
James Rand	8	0	46	0
Liam Tegg	15	2	69	1
Alex Watson	5	0	30	0
Craig Buckham	11	0	74	0
James Watson	2	0	17	0

Ashford Town

	Runs
Simon Taylor	11
Gary Sutton	8
James Watson	39
Stuart Paine	0
Shannon Fattore	30
Liam Tegg	22
Craig Buckham	22
Alex Watson	19
Andrew Maurice	13
Gavin Hope	8
James Rand	0
Extras	(8b 5lb 9w) 22
Total	(5 wickets, 50 overs) 213

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Jack Bradley	14	2	61	4
Craig Snell	12	0	39	2
Matthew van Poppel	5	1	24	0
Michael Williams	9	0	39	1
Robert Goatham	9	1	40	2
Vishal Singh	1	1	0	0

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1D

Old Hartsdionians 1st XI v

Goodnestone Park 1st XI

RUN machine Dave Wheeler inspired Old Harts to another win at the weekend. The opening batsman clearly wasn't interested in running on his way to smashing 139 which included a massive 23 fours and six sixes. Gary Wright also measured in with 47 and Josh Smith hit an unbeaten 32 as Old Harts racked up an overwhelming 332 for 5 from just 46 overs.

In reply, Goodnestone Park were never in the game as they scored too slow, finishing on 167 for 6, handing victory to Old Harts by a whopping 165 runs.

Old Hartsdionians

	Runs
Dave Wheeler	139
Gary Wright	47
Andy West	18
Josh Smith	32
Matt Williams	28
Martin Mackie	0
Michael Turner	0
Bob Strike	0
Sean Turner	0
Darren Cousins	0
Jarrett Smith	0
Extras	(4b 5lb 27w 3nb) 39
Total	(5 wickets, 46 overs) 332

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Andy Brown	5	0	35	0
George Finch	9	0	56	0
Tom Kennett	6	0	44	0
Steve Patfield	8	0	49	0
Chris Norris	4	0	35	0
Peter Bradley	9	0	60	2
Steve Coulson	5	0	44	0

Goodnestone Park

	Runs
Andrew Scott	34
Peter Bradley	24
Chris Norris	44
Andy Brown	7
Glen Bicker	23
Steve Patfield	15
George Finch	4
Chris Murton	0
Steve Coulson	0
John Siddle	0
Tom Kennett	0
Extras	(4b 1lb 11w) 16
Total	(6 wickets, 46 overs) 167

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Sean Turner	9	1	32	2
Matt Williams	6	1	21	0
Jarrett Smith	6	0	29	0
Bob Strike	12	4	29	2
Dave Wheeler	4	0	20	1
Martin Mackie	6	0	23	0
Darren Cousins	2	0	2	0
Gary Wright	1	0	6	1

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 2B

Borstal 2nd XI v Westgate-on-Sea 2nd XI

HALF-centuries from Gary Sandwell and Ian Jones set Westgate 2s on their way to a 108-run win at Borstal.

Sandwell scored 53 at the top of the order while Jones cracked 80 to help the Thanet side on their way to a competitive score of 194, although when they were out, Westgate were thankful for the 31 extras Borstal bowled which was easily their third top scorer.

The Borstal batsmen had absolutely no idea how to deal with a rampant Westgate attack as they were bowled out for a paltry 86 inside 34 overs thanks to three wickets for Paul Hill and Andrew Watford.

Westgate-on-Sea

	Runs
Stephen Winch	8
Gary Sandwell	53
Ian Jones	80
Marcus Taylor	6
Paul Hill	4
Rick Sadler	0
John Reid	5
Andy Seal	6
Alexander Arnold	0
Andrew Watford	1
Extras	(4b 5lb 20w 2nb) 31
Total	(all out, 46 overs) 194

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Adam Mahomed	12	4	32	4
Josh Wasself	5	1	20	0
Phil Knights	6	0	35	0
Charlie Wardzynski	11	2	39	3
David Snelling	3	0	17	0
Alex Porter	5	1	18	0
Mark Tandy	4	0	25	1

Borstal

	Runs
Alex Porter	3
William Hatch	14
Mark Tandy	17
Paul Davies	10
Frani O'Neill	6
Adam Mahomed	0
Charlie Wardzynski	6
David Snelling	14
Alex Francis	0
Phil Knights	3
Seal b Winch	0
Josh Wasself	3
Extras	(3b 1lb 4w 2nb) 10
Total	(4 wickets, 44 overs) 227

Bow

Ward looks to rebuild relegated Rams



BLOW: Nick Davis looks likely to sign for Tonbridge Angels

THE summer transfers in and out of Southwood have started with some good and bad news for Ramsgate supporters.

Manager Jim Ward has managed to persuade central midfielder Ben Laslett to re-sign, which is a bonus for the Rams as Laslett was named Supporters' and Players' Player of the Year last season.

The Rams have also announced the signing of Gary Lockyer, a young striker whose strength and presence, which those that have seen him play, believe is reminiscent of former Ramsgate striker Shaun Welford.

The 16-year-old has played for Ebbsfleet United's youth side and captained Kent.

He came to the club's attention playing for Billy Bone's First Touch Coaching School at a friendly against Ramsgate's under-18s, arranged through Mark Weatherly, where he proved to be quite a handful for Rams defender Olly Gray.

While Lockyer joins Gray, Rhys Lawson and Liam Quinn as new signings ahead of

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the club's campaign to return to the Ryman Premier, it looks as though one of the Rams' most consistent performers is on his way out of Southwood.

Central defender and club skipper Nick Davis appears to be on his way to Tonbridge Angels. The move will come as a blow to Ward and Rams supporters, who would have seen Davis as a major part of the side needed to earn promotion from Ryman Division One South.

The club's director, Paul Jefcoate, said: "Unfortunately it seems that we have lost Nick Davis to Tonbridge Angels.

"He wanted to stay at Ryman Premier level, we are sad to see him go but obviously we now need to move on. We will provide news on new defensive signings once pen has been put to paper."

CRICKET



RETURN: Darren Stevens is back for Kent after recovering from a broken index finger

Duo to fill void left by Key's England call-up

THE return of Darren Stevens and Ryan McLaren can offset the loss of skipper Rob Key to England duty, according to director of cricket Graham Ford.

Stevens missed the whole Friends Provident Trophy campaign with a spiral fracture of an index finger, but returned in true swashbuckling style in Kent's 62-run win against the Middlesex Panthers at Lord's last week.

The former Leicestershire man smashed an unbeaten 59 from just 26 balls which included ten fours and a six to help the Spittfires avenge their defeat to Middlesex in last season's final.

With the 33-year-old back to bolster the middle order, Kent's batting line-up looks far more complete.

Ford said: "Let me tell you that other sides would die to have him playing the way he did at Lord's.

"If we can get him in that kind of form it's going to be good for us. In that type of mood he takes the game away from the opposition so we are hoping he maintains that sort of form as he is a great weapon."

Another to have returned to the Kent ranks is South African Ryan McLaren who has been away with the Mumbai Indians in the Indian Premier League. The fact he didn't feature in the competition means he is fresh and ready to go, according to Ford.

"He is raring to go and really boosts our bowling attack, his quality will help us get through the first six overs which are crucial in Twenty20," he said.

While McLaren and Stevens are back for the Spittfires, skipper Rob Key will miss the remainder of the Twenty20 campaign as he joined up with England ahead of next month's World Twenty20.

The 28-year-old has struggled for form in the early part of the season but Ford has seen enough in the nets to claim that somebody is going to "cop" one soon.



TARGET: Margate boss Terry Yorath is hoping to sign Dover winger Sam Jones as he strengthens the squad for next season - he is also looking for a keeper and centre-forward



Yorath set to clinch deal to sign Whites winger Jones

MARGATE boss Terry Yorath is hopeful of tying up a deal to sign Dover Athletic winger Sam Jones by the end of this week.

Jones found chances hard to come by in Dover's title-winning side last season and was one of five released by manager Andy Hessenthaler at the end of the campaign.

The winger was plucked out of the Thanet Sunday League by Ramsgate manager Jim Ward at the end of the 2007/2008 season.

He was a big hit at Southwood which temped Hessenthaler into swooping for him after having made just a handful of appearances in the second half of that season.

After being released at Crabble, a number of clubs were rumoured to be interested in the

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■ BY GLENN PEARSON

midfielder, but it appears Blues have won the race for his signature.

Yorath said: "We have been in talks with him and are hopeful that we will be able to sign him in the next couple of days.

"As for other signings, the main two I am looking at are a goalkeeper and a forward. Goalkeeping-wise, I have already talked to two about coming here but they want more money than we can afford so they won't be coming.

"It's a difficulty [paying wages] that we have to deal with, but it's more than that. Geographically, that's against us but is something that we have to overcome."

The Football Association finally announced last week that Blues would be given a reprieve and will therefore be plying their trade in the Ryman Premier League next season.

Appeals against demotion by Cammell Laird and King's Lynn were rejected by the FA which meant Margate were reprieved having finished fourth bottom in the Ryman Premier.

Yorath believes Margate deserve to stay in the division, but doesn't expect his player budget to be improved as a result.

"I'm delighted we are staying a Ryman Premier club. Last season we were second or third-highest supported club, so I think the fans deserve it and I think we are a better side than we showed, so I am looking forward to next season."

"The budget will not change that's for sure and I am still looking at the same players I was looking at before we heard this decision."

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